

REMARKS

Claims 1-9, 11-66 are pending in the application. Claim 10 has been cancelled without prejudice. Favorable consideration is requested.

Claim 1 has been amended in line with Figure 3 as well as the other figures and the corresponding disclosure in the specification. No new matter has been added. Claim 1 further distinguishes the claimed invention from any art cited to date, including the Kamen reference, which does not disclose or suggest the various features in amended Claim 1, e.g., the “partial peristaltic pump” feature (is not a complete peristaltic pump because it does not include the motor and drive shaft), the two distinct hub chambers in their particular configuration as claimed, the “unidirectional” feature as set forth at the end of amended Claim 1, the “separate” liquid distribution system from the pump feature, and the combination of various features in the applicant’s claimed disposable cassette. Nor would anyone skilled in the art modify Kamen to arrive at the claimed invention without using improper hindsight.

New claim 66 has been added. New claim 66 is supported by Figure 3 as well as the other figures and the corresponding disclosure in the specification. No new matter has been added. Claim 66 further distinguishes the claimed invention from any art cited to date, including the Kamen reference. In this regard, and as correctly stated by the Examiner, the Kamen reference does not disclose the claimed “abutted to” feature, or the “partial peristaltic pump” feature, the two distinct hub chambers in their particular configuration as claimed, the “unidirectional” feature as set forth at the end of amended Claim 1, the “separate” liquid distribution system from the pump feature, and the combination of various features in the applicant’s claimed disposable cassette. Nor would anyone skilled in the art modify Kamen to arrive at the claimed invention without using improper hindsight.

Applicant submits that the amended claims and new claim 66 render moot the formalistic and prior art rejections in the Office Action of January 16, 2009. With respect to the drawing objections, claim 27 has been amended without prejudice, and claim 44 is supported by the lip valve shown in the Figures.

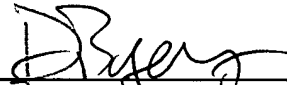
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance. A notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner has any questions concerning this case, the undersigned may be contacted at 703-816-4009.

Respectfully submitted,

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